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EMMAUS CHOIR SINGS AT GENERAL SYNOD 15

Emmaus House, Inc. is an institution of the United Church of Christ with a special ministry to mentally handicapped men and women. Our Conference, along with some others, is currently being challenged to participate in the "Road to Opportunity Campaign." Several of our churches have already received special offerings for this worthy cause. Every church should respond!

DR. DAVID BEEBE RECEIVES AWARD

During the week of celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Dr. David Beebe received the "Humanitarian Award". Dr. Beebe also participated in the Ecumenical services during the week of Prayer celebrations in Chattanooga.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The beauty of nonviolence is that in its own way and in its own time, it seeks to break the chain reaction of evil...Occasionally in life one develops a conviction so precious and meaningful that he will stand on it till the end. This is what I have found in non-violence."

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

From the Church of the Good Shepherd in Crossville, Tennessee comes the news of a family from Poland who arrived in Knoxville on December 17th.....

Zbigniew, Teresa and Lukasz Cacko, (pronounced: Zbis-shek, Te-ray-sa, and Lu-kash Sahts-ko) are being sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Pleasant Hill Community Churches, with unofficial help coming from the Alphonsus Catholic Church.

After many hardships suffered in Poland and Greece, the Cacko family are now living in an apartment in Crossville. Little Lukasz is only three years old, and they had to leave behind their nine-year-old daughter, Izabela, who is living in Poland with Teresa's sister-in-law until proper papers can be filed to bring her to the United States.

Zbigniew and Teresa are now in English classes twice a week, and Zbigniew is doing part-time work as a carpenter while they work toward more permanent employment. This is just one example of the ways in which our U.C.C. churches are involved in helping our friends from other countries during times of stress and persecution.

We extend our best wishes to this family and to these churches who are befriending them.

....MORE CONFERENCE NEWS.....

Dorothea Bowling is the new Advocate for Women in Mission. She will be available to the women of our Conference to share information (and materials) from Women in Mission.

Dorothea serves on the Women's Commission and has been active in women's issues in many ways. She has actively worked for childcare at our women's meetings. Many people don't know that she made the women's banner for Milwaukee. Her gifts are many, and we are glad to have her as our advocate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference will assemble for its spring meeting at the Best Western Montgomery Lodge, at 977 West South Blvd., in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 7 & 8, 1986.

After a year's lapse, a Convocation for Ministers and Mates has been set for the U.C.C. Conference Center in Blowing Rock, N.C., in May. Beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, May 5th, and continuing through lunch on Thursday, May 9th, ministers and their spouse (is this the plural of spouse?) are invited to a program of fellowship, challenge and spiritual growth. Details will be sent in a personal invitation to each minister - but reserve the dates NOW!

Reserve the dates of JUNE 13, 14 and 15 for the ANNUAL MEETING of the Southeast Conference.....to be held at the Southern Inn in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Each church will receive an official call for its minister and delegates, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Following last year's successful model, worship and fellowship will be emphasized along with the business sessions.

RETIREMENT DINNER FOR H. EUGENE KEEN AT HUNTSVILLE

The United Church of Huntsville, Alabama, knows how to send a minister into retirement with style and class. The Reverend H. Eugene Keen, who has served the church for exactly seven years and led it to new growth and development, was given a royal send-off at a special dinner. He and Margaret were roasted in a gentle and affectionate way by various members of the church. Conference Minister Emmett O. Floyd was present to represent the wider U.C.C. fellowship.

We congratulate the Keens on a distinguished career as a Navy Chaplain and as pastor in Huntsville, and wish for them a happy and fruitful new chapter in their lives.

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE OCWM & OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING FOR 1985

Alabama-Tennessee Association:

	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>Other Designated Gifts</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>Other Designated Gifts</u>
Alpine, King's Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Athens, Trinity	\$200.00	\$0.00		
Belvidere, UCC	\$6,654.83	\$7,925.93		
Birmingham, First	\$4,425.25	\$626.37	East Alabama Association:	\$207.00
Chatanooga, Pilgrim	\$3,999.98	\$1,071.00	Alexander City, First CC	
Crossville, Ch. of Good Shepherd	\$357.00	\$79.00	Columbus, United	
Cullman, St. John's	\$17,331.00	\$4,002.67	Dadeville, Elder UCC	
Daisy, First CC	\$1,500.00	\$3,975.45	Five Points, State Line CC	
Deer Lodge Congregational	\$7,400.00	\$2,149.00	Lafayette, Pleasant Grove CC	
Fairfield Glade Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	Lagrange, Hillside Christian	
Garden City, CC	\$750.00	\$28.00	Lagrange, United CC	
Glenmary, CC	\$3,431.89	\$591.43	Lanett, CC	
Huntsville, UCC	\$462.00	\$0.00	Laudett, Pine Forest	
Knoxville, Ch. of Savior	\$325.00	\$144.41	Linenville, New Harmony CC	
Marion, First Congregational	\$5,075.00	\$3,074.08	Phenix City, First	
Montgomery, First Congregational	\$975.00	\$1,236.94	Phenix City, Russell Woods	
Nashville, Brookmeade	\$1,100.00*	\$235.00	Pine Mountain, Oak Grove CC	
Nashville, First E&R	\$3,783.30	\$0.00	Pisgah, CC	
Nashville, Howard	\$6,999.30	\$1,167.05	Roanoke, Antioch	
Pleasant Hill Community	\$400.00	\$0.00	Roanoke, Bethany	
Robbins, Barton Chapel	\$13,105.00	\$51,322.88	Roanoke, First CC	
Sweetwater, First	\$250.00	\$102.15	Roanoke, Forest Home	
Talladega, First UCC	\$250.00	\$0.00	Roanoke, Lowell CC	
Tougaloo, Union	\$0.00	\$0.00	Roanoke, Mt. Zion	
	\$175.00	\$0.00	Roanoke, New Hope	
			Roanoke, Rock Spring	
ALABAMA-TENNESSEE TOTAL -	\$77,849.55	\$78,200.86	Roanoke, Rock Stand	
			Valley, Langdale CC	
			Valley, Todd	
			Wadley, Beulah	
			Wadley, Corinth CC	
			Wedowee, Cavers Grove	
			Wedowee, Noon Day	
Central Alabama Association:	\$18.75 (From Association)		West Point, Bethel	
E. Tallasse, CC	\$1,020.00	\$175.00	Woodbury, Jones Chapel	
Electric, Watson's Chapel	\$100.00	\$0.00		
CENTRAL ALABAMA TOTAL -	\$1,138.75	\$175.00		
			EAST ALABAMA TOTAL -	\$23,050.00
				\$5,636.69

*Money received after 1985 cut-off date. It is not included in 1985 total but will be reflected in 1986 total.

Central Alabama Association:

E. Tallasse, CC
Electric, Watson's Chapel

CENTRAL ALABAMA TOTAL -

\$175.00

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<u>Georgia-South Carolina Association:</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>Other Designated Gifts</u>
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	\$0.00	\$0.00
Atlanta, Central	\$18,500.00	\$14,246.10
Atlanta, First	\$8,050.00	\$0.00
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	\$500.00	\$0.00
Barnesville, Fredonia	\$150.00	\$250.00
Beachton, Evergreen	\$300.00	\$0.00
Braselton, Macedonia	\$150.00	\$0.00
Buford, Duncan's Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00
Charleston, Circular	\$5,469.11	\$1,083.93
Charleston, Plymouth	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
Columbia, Pilgrim	\$0.02	\$598.03
Demorest, Federated	\$0.03	\$400.00
Dewey Rose, Liberty	\$1,545.00	\$0.00
Jonesboro, Bonanza	\$3,407.01	\$0.00
Lilburn, Button Gwinnett	\$0.00	\$915.00
Macon, First	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marietta, Pilgrimage	\$1,965.00	\$1,712.04
Midway Congregational	\$200.00	\$165.00
Savannah, First	\$1,116.00	\$600.00
Thomasville, Bethany	\$250.00	\$0.00
GEORGIA-S. CAROLINA TOTAL:	\$45,265.15	\$11,473.83
North Alabama Association:		TOTAL FOR 1985 - \$151,523.45
Arley, Congregational Christian	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hackleburg, Fairview CC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Haleville, Mountain Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hanceville, Liberty Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00
Moulton, Jones Chapel	\$100.00	\$0.00
Steele, Mount Lebanon	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Creek, Old Liberty Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trinity, First CC at Caddo	\$1,200.00	\$508.85
NORTH ALABAMA TOTAL -	\$1,300.00	\$508.85
WYOMING		\$557.00
OCWM		\$102,552.23
Other Designated Gifts		
Antalusia, Antioch	\$1,500.00	\$225.00
Andalusia, First	\$0.00	\$0.00
Baker, Good Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00
Baker, Pyron Chapel	\$0.00	\$175.00
Bonifay, New Effort	\$0.00	\$100.00
Brantley, Indian Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clio, New Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00
Headland, Blackwood	\$0.00	\$745.00
S. ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA -	\$2,920.00	\$157.00

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UCC president asks churches to respond to priorities

Dear Partners in Christ,

I write to you on behalf of the 744 voting delegates to the Fifteenth General Synod which met this summer in Ames, Iowa.

I write to ask that each congregation in our United Church of Christ accept as its own the priorities *Spiritual Renewal and Justice and Peace*, adopted by this synod as a focus for church-wide attention and work over the next four years until the synod in 1989; and *Family Life*, which the delegates voted to continue as a priority for an additional two years until the synod in 1987.

Delegates also expressed strong concern for the *Youth and Young Adults Ministries* priority adopted by the Fourteenth General Synod in 1983, reminding us all that it, too, continues to be a priority of our church until 1987. If you have not already done so, please make this concern a special emphasis in your church life, particularly during these next two years.

The selection of priorities involved many parts of our Church. For example, at this synod the executive council gave each delegate a written summary of the responses received from 386 churches, 12 conferences, three instrumentalities, 95 individuals, and 10 groups and bodies from across the church. A committee of delegates read and reviewed each letter individually.

Among these responses was a widespread preference for *Spiritual Renewal*. In addition, many suggested that two of the proposed priorities (*Peace with Justice*, and *Hunger and Poverty*) should be combined. The Rev. Jerry D. Cassiday, pastor of Gilman Community Church, Gilman, Iowa, proposed that this combined priority could be called "*Justice and Peace*", echoing the phrase in the Statement of Faith. A majority indicated that synod should adopt two priorities. But many churches suggested that the priority of *Family Life*, adopted four years ago, should be extended for future work.

It seems to me that the synod found a way, in the actions described above, to incorporate all these suggestions.

In the United Church of Christ, local churches, conferences, national bodies, and church-related groups and institutions all implement priorities programs—each individually and all collectively. The synod designated the national bodies which will share in implementing each priority. But our church priorities process also specifies that priorities adopted by the synod must be forwarded to the churches and conferences for their acceptance.

Below is a response form for churches to share with us your actions. When I receive your response, my office will inform the appropriate national body selected by the synod to coordinate each priority. Thus you will be linked with that unit of our church which will facilitate our efforts church-wide to address the priorities which you have accepted.

These priorities have emerged because of concerns shared across our church. The synod clearly sensed that as it worked this summer in Ames. Now it is up to all of us—congregations, conferences, national bodies and officers—to work at these concerns as part of our on-going life and ministry together. In doing so, we are not alone. We shall be one.

In Christ,

Avery D. Post

Avery D. Post,
President

Spiritual Renewal

Priority Goal Statement:

To provide all members of the UCC the opportunity to understand and experience the meaning of spiritual renewal or spiritual growth in their personal and corporate lives, thereby forming the basis of Christian discipleship in the world, by:

*identifying and recognizing the rich diversity of spiritual experience and practice within the Christian tradition and the UCC heritage and tradition of other religions;

*providing resources which promote and undergird spiritual renewal and empowerment for congregations, families, and individuals;

*providing resources for and promoting the practice of spiritual disciplines among UCC members, groups, and congregations;

*providing resources which help us to integrate a deep passion for justice within our spiritual lives.

Family Life

Priority Goal Statement:

To integrate ministry to families into the total life of the church, by:

*providing for on-going biblical and theological reflection for members of the UCC on family life and its issues; providing materials to encourage family worship and devotions;

*identifying and sharing a variety of resources which will enable all families to be ministered to creatively and all persons, regardless of their family patterns, to be affirmed and supported in the life of the church, manifesting our unity as a family in Christ;

*providing networks of support to encourage and celebrate faithfulness, love and justice for all families.

*addressing social, economic and political conditions and policies which both positively and adversely affect family life.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Priority Goal Statement:

To expand ministries of and with youth throughout the church and in society by:

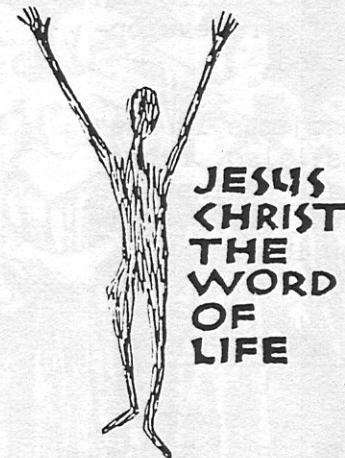
*addressing together issues in today's world which impact the lives of young people;

*encouraging the involvement and empowerment of young people in all aspects of the life of the church;

*providing experiences of the church's wider mission and life, including camps, conferences, and regional and national events;

*developing programs and resources for use in local churches, including materials related to faith development and biblical understanding;

*providing leadership training for youth ministries throughout the church.



Justice and Peace

Priority Goal Statement:

To manifest and address the biblical vision of shalom by:

*affirming, through study and practice, that the vision of shalom—incorporating economic justice, social justice, and peace—is central to the identity of members of the UCC;

*strengthening the UCC, its members, its local churches, conferences and national bodies, in the work of shalom through increasing its capacity for spiritual nurture, theological reflection and education;

*providing UCC members and congregations with opportunities and resources for understanding and experiencing the vision of shalom, including its relationship to the political process;

*increasing the participation of members, congregations, conferences and national bodies in relief efforts in such areas as food, clothing, shelter and health care; in development programs in such areas as land ownership and food production, job creation, and housing; and in advocacy at local, national and international levels of social policies leading to the elimination of hunger and poverty.

*addressing in their interrelatedness the issues of justice and peace, both at home and around the world, including economic justice ... social justice ... and peace ...

RESPONSE FORM

Dear President Post,

Our church has accepted the priorities checked below to be part of our work and ministry. Please inform the instrumentality serving as coordinator. We have listed the name and address of a specific contact person for each priority. If there is no name, please use the church's address listed below.

<input type="checkbox"/> SPIRITUAL RENEWAL Office for Church Life Life and Leadership, Coordinator	Contact: _____ Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> JUSTICE AND PEACE Office for Church in Society, Coordinator	Contact: _____ Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY LIFE United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Coordinator	Contact: _____ Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, Coordinator	Contact: _____ Address: _____
Yours in Christ, _____ Church (Signature) _____	
Address: _____ City: _____	

UNITED CHURCH HUNGER ACTION FUND

The Chattanooga Community Organization has received a grant of \$3,000 from the Hunger Action Fund of the 1.7 million member United Church of Christ.

The funds will go toward the city-wide group's efforts to help low - and moderate-income residents press for changes in policies affecting their neighborhoods. Specifically, the organization is working to get Community Development and other government funds targeted to low-income areas, monitoring job opportunity programs, trying to upgrade the Housing Rehabilitation program, seeking enforceable air pollution regulations and supporting a redevelopment project for vacant land.

Other hunger related projects in the Southeast received grants, also, from the U.C.C.. The Christians Against Hunger in Georgia received \$3,000, and Christians Against Hunger in Alabama received \$2,000.

OFFICE FOR CHURCH LIFE & LEADERSHIP

There will be a Workshop on Resources, dealing with Faith Exploration, Exploring Worship, Ministry of Volunteers, Guidebook for Women's Organizations, Leaders Box, and Church Planning.

The Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 1st, from 10:00 a.m., until 2:00 p.m., at the Langdale Church in Valley, Alabama.

For a day of fun, inspiration and new ideas for your church, all church leaders and members are invited to participate. Workshop leader is our own Rev. Joyce Myers from Atlanta.

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1986 SPRING MINI-CAMP

The SPRING MINI-CAMP will be held again at Laguna Beach, Florida, on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 25, 26 & 27, 1986. For more complete information, write to: Spring Mini-Camp, P.O. Box 773, Phenix City, Alabama 36867.



OBITUARIES

The Reverend William B. Graham, a retired minister of the Congregational-Christian Church, died at his home in College Park, Georgia, in December. He was 96.

A graduate of the Atlanta Theological Seminary in 1916, Mr. Graham had served churches in North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. His last pastorate was in Seattle, Washington. He is survived by 8 children, 32 grand-children, 15 great-grand-children and 5 great-great grandchildren.

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The Reverend Otto L. Culpepper, a minister for many years in Alabama, died in January. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and three children and five grand-children.

Reverend and Mrs. Culpepper had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 8, 1985.

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